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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the Heiterblick Kaserne at Leipzig-Taucha.

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINEDDATE OF CONTENT 16 April to 20 May 1951DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 21 June 1951REFERENCES 25X1APAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. After the troops from the Heiterblick Kaserne, Leipzig-Taucha (N 52/E 21), left by rail on 16 and 17 April 1951, two trainloads of troops arrived during the night of 28 April and moved from the freight station to the Heiterblick Kaserne. Because the entire unloading area was strictly guarded, source 25X1X only noticed five tanks on flatcars. [redacted] in the barracks installation, confirmed the fact that two shipments of troops arrived at the installation during the night of 28 April and stated that motor vehicles and tanks, including several new ones, were still parked irregularly in the barracks yard on the following morning.

25X1X 2. [redacted] that the Heiterblick Kaserne quartered 72 officers, 800 trained troops and 700 recruits. AT artillery units were no longer in the installation and courses of instruction previously conducted there were no longer held. Colonels Korusyev (fnu) and Elich (fnu), Major Romantsov (fnu), and Captain Kanerov (sic), were identified with a headquarters which arrived with the troops during the night of 28 April. The informant also stated that the installation quartered 4 motor transport companies of about 400 troops; 1 SP artillery company with 6 SP guns; 1 armored reconnaissance unit with 12 armored scout cars; and 3 tank companies with 12 tanks each. The three tank companies were the units which arrived during the night of 28 April.

3. On and after 7 May, groups of from 6 to 12 tanks daily left the installation in three directions to participate in field exercises in conjunction with armored reconnaissance cars, 20-mm AA guns, and infantry troops. The tank unit which left the installation on 13 May consisted of 12 T-34/85 tanks consecutively numbered from 221 to 231. When the unit arrived at the training area, 10 twin-engine aircraft approached from the direction of Luebschuetz at an altitude of about 500 meters and dropped 10 to 15 parachutists each. A shepherd confirmed that these exercises were frequently held in that area.

4. [redacted]

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* ~~SECRET~~ Comment. The departure of troops by rail on 16 and 17 April 1951 was reported by another source. The arrival of a new unit during the night of 23 April is reported for the first time. The present report is of value only inasmuch as its paragraph 2 confirms previous information by source of the reference report, that components of the 21st Gds Mecz Regt of the 3th Gds Lecz Div have been at Koenigsbrueck since the end of April 1951. ~~SECRET~~

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